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OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET. Each Warehouse Had a Good Sale and the Prices Were High.

As announced by the warehousemen the formal opening sales were celebrated by the four warehouses of Oxford on Wednesday last, and the floors were well filled when the selling began, and it sounded good to every one who realized what it means to our section. The cry of the auctioneers were loud and reminded one of better times. The corps of Oxford buyers were present, and while there was no undue excitement everything moved along like clock work. It was demonstrated at the opening sales that the prices are as good this year, if not a little better than last year, and this is indeed comforting in view of the fact that only a 70 per cent. crop was made.

The first sale was had at the Banner and there were a large number of farmers present, and the smiles of the clever proprietor, Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, encouragement to both buyers and patrons. Mr. "Luke" Stark, the auctioneer, was a little husky of voice when he began, but he gained momentum as he passed along the great avenues of the glorious golden leaves, and long before he had reached the last pile he had regained his old time vigor.

The second sale was at the Farmers warehouse, which is run by Parham & Parham, successors of J. F. Meadows. Mr. B. E. Parham, who is the active head of the firm, is one of the best warehousemen in the State, was pleased at the way things moved along and the good averages maintained. Bob Hart, the auctioneer, proved beyond doubt that he has not lost any of his wind while plowing, hoeing and curing the plant.

The third sale was at the Owen warehouse, Mr. Will Fleming, proprietor, and in placing a bid on a pile of tobacco he looks as serious as a judge. Mr. "Luke" Stark is auctioneer at this old reliable warehouse. We learn that the average at the Owen warehouse on the opening day was \$15.91. When the sales were closed at this warehouse all hands adjourned for dinner.

The fourth and last sale of the day was at the Johnson warehouse, which began at 2 o'clock. This warehouse is run by Mangum & Watkins, the business end being looked after by Mr. Mangum, while Mr. Watkins sells the leaf. This is a very strong firm and their patrons were highly pleased with the good average.

It is estimated that about 70,000 pounds were sold and the prices ranged from \$5.00 to \$35.00 per hundred. The farmers were well pleased with the high averages and speak in high praise of the Oxford market and our warehousemen, and doubtless they know that there is none better in the State.

The Graded School Opens.

The Oxford Graded School opened Monday morning with an enrollment of nearly four hundred pupils, and College street is a scene of beauty these mornings as the neat children file into the great school building. Prof. Pitts, the new superintendent, and faculty, were present to inspire them on to greater things.

The Colored Graded School opened last Monday with a full faculty and is well attended. The new principal of the Colored Graded School, Prof. R. G. Cannady, is in charge of the school.

A Fiend Cuts Auto Tire.

While Mr. C. S. Easton was running his automobile out Raleigh road a few nights ago he had the misfortune to break an axle when he had reached a point out beyond the Colored Orphan Asylum. It was necessary to place the car by the roadside and abandon it for a time. During the night some one slit the tires in two places and an umbrella and other small things of value were removed from the car.

Mrs. R. S. Montague Dead.

Miss R. S. Montague died at her home near Shady Grove Tuesday afternoon, September 1st, in the 81st year of her age. She was a faithful member of Corinth Baptist church and was buried at the old Montague graveyard. Miss Montague was greatly beloved by a large number of friends, and her gentle disposition never waned under the weight of year and her spirit passed from her like one falling upon sleep.

Thomas Settle Nominated.

Hon. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, was nominated by the Republican State Convention at Charlotte Wednesday to make the run for Governor. Mr. Settle has for his running mate Mr. J. R. Gaskill, of Edgecombe. They endorsed the administration of President Taft and declares in favor of local option.

LOST—An umbrella was left in Mr. Easton's automobile which was wrecked out on the Raleigh road Tuesday evening. During the night it disappeared from the machine. A liberal reward will be given for its return to this office or to Rev. J. B. Weather-spoon. Sep. 7-1f.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

The water pipe has been put down to the Fair Ground.

Get your change ready as the Circus will be in Oxford on the 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Harris had a son born unto them Thursday morning.

Dr. Sam Booth, who has been very sick, is some better, we are glad to learn.

Messrs. Josh King and Frank Blacklock have returned from the northern market where they purchased goods for the Long Co.

A Special Term of Granville Superior Court will convene in Oxford on Sept. 23, to try criminal cases, the Hobgood case being one of them.

Mrs. T. B. Pendleton has moved to her new home on Raleigh street, and Mr. Dorsey Oakley will occupy the cottage vacated by Mrs. Pendleton.

The summer belle at home we find With bunged up trunk, She left broken hearts behind, Also many of dad's plunks.

Dr. Tom Booth has so far recovered from his attack of sickness as to go to Eastern Carolina to visit relatives. We wish the good doctor a rapid recovery.

Mr. Sam Clayton, a hustling young farmer of the Moriah section, was on the market Wednesday with a load of tobacco and was well pleased with his sale.

At the Randolph county primary Saturday Simmons for the Senate received unanimous indorsement, with the exception of two votes for Clark and none for Kitchin.

The Public Ledger wishes to remind the people that the Granville County Fair will be held next month, and urge you to begin to get your exhibits ready and capture some of the prizes.

Mrs. Jeff Averett returned Thursday from a visit to Mr. Averett, who was taken to Durham to have his shattered arm looked after, and reports that he is doing very well, which is good news to his many friends.

The families of Messrs. Zeb Overton, R. I. Newton, Rufus Stroud and Mrs. E. L. Adcock gathered on the banks of Tar River on the 3rd and greatly enjoyed a fish dinner as the party caught as many as they could eat.

Don't forget to call in and renew your subscription to the Twice-a-week Public Ledger for another year for one dollar. After November 1st the price will be \$1.50. Let the silver wheels roll in if you wish to keep up with the news of the county.

We are requested by Mr. Tom Waller, Secretary of Oxford Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., to say there will be a special meeting in their Hall Monday night, Sept. 9th, to confer the first degree. All Masons are requested to be present.

It will bear repeating. Wonder where the Street Committee will repair the holy streets of Oxford, which retards the progress of Oxford? Some one at our elbow says that is too old a chestnut to spring on the Committee as it would put too much work on the policemen.

Hornor Bros. Company have recently unloaded 1 car load of wagons, 1 car load of stoves, 1 car load flour, 1 car load shipstuf, 1 car load of new crop hay. They buy in big quantities and can always please their customers in price and quality. They sell everything for farm and family. See their adv. on fourth page of this paper.

Mr. Victor Bryant, of Durham, has been retained by the State along with Graham & Devin to assist Solicitor Gattis at the special term of court in the prosecution of Mr. Milton Hobgood for the murder of Mr. W. P. Wilkinson last Monday. General B. S. Royster, Hicks & Hicks and Stem will appear for Hobgood. His only defense for the cold-blooded murder will be insanity. He has been a very successful farmer and has one of the best farms in the county and all right except when drinking.

The Creedmoor Times.

The Creedmoor Times made its appearance Wednesday, and the Public Ledger, for some cause or other failed to receive the first number, and this is passingly strange since we are all interested in a better and a greater county. The paper is made up and printed in the office of the Durham Sun, and as like begets like it stands for Kitchin and doubtless Kitchin will stand by it, but this is no reason for Bro. Crowson, of the Sun, to slight us. There are so many interest in the county it will be interesting to see the new paper fall in line with the progressive movement.

FOR SALE. Half million or more feet of pine timber two miles east of Oxford. R. O. GREGORY. 1t.pd.

Stem Stemmings.

Mr. June Hunt, of Oxford, was a Stem visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Fleming, of Hester, was a Stem visitor Saturday.

Mayor E. E. Bullock went to Oxford Wednesday on business.

Mr. J. W. Farabow, of Stem Route 3, is building a packhouse.

Mr. L. W. Hall was an Oxford visitor Sunday and Monday.

Mr. R. E. Booth, of Oxford, was in Stem Saturday on business.

Mr. E. B. Cozart, of Knap of Reeds, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Stem High School will open September 9th as formerly announced.

Mr. T. W. Bullock, carrier on Route 1, visited friends in Durham Sunday.

Mr. David L. Hardee spent several days last week with friends in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Vassar Roberts, of Knap of Reeds, moved to Durham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walters visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walter at Hester on Sunday.

Mrs. M. D. Giles returned home Wednesday from a visit to her mother at Virginia.

Dr. W. B. North, of Jackson, is on a visit to his father-in-law, Mr. J. H. Stem near here.

Miss Janie Pearl Rogers, of Stem Route 3, is on a visit to her brother in Youngsville.

Mr. L. M. Duncan, of Gorman, spent the week end with relatives in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Daniel, of Culbreth, were the guests of Mrs. D. F. Harris Sunday.

Mr. S. D. Holeman, of Oxford, was the guest of his brother, Mr. R. D. Holeman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whittaker returned home Sunday from a visit to friends in Wake county.

Miss Annie Whitaker spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parrish, on Route 1.

Mrs. Emma Clayton, who has been spending several weeks in Durham, returned home Saturday.

Miss Kate Lee Minor, of Stem Route 3, was the guest of Miss Pearl Thomasson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crymes were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Averett, of Hargrove Sunday afternoon.

Mr. S. F. Hobgood and family, of Providence, was the guests of Mrs. Clayton Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Parrott Hardee and Will Harris were the guests of W. M. Bacon, of Stem, of Route 1, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Russell of Tally Ho, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allen, of Providence Thursday.

Miss Mary Webb, of Tally Ho, left last week for Edgecombe county, where she will commence teaching Sept. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adcock and family of Stem Route 3, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hopkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meadows, of Culbreth, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overbey, of Tally Ho, Sunday.

Misses Hattie and Mabel Bragg, of Bailey, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bragg returned home Thursday.

On Tuesday last Mayor Bullock placed a barometer which would register 120 in the sun. An hour later the heat exploded it.

Mr. W. H. Russell, of New York, who has been spending several weeks at his summer home near Tally Ho, returned to New York Saturday.

Mrs. O. F. Bullock and daughter, Miss Hettie, and Mrs. F. M. Thomasson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Howard, of Culbreth, Friday.

Miss Roxie Harris, matron of the Oxford Orphan Asylum laundry, who has been spending several weeks vacation with her mother, returned to Oxford Monday.

Misses Anabelle and Morado Farabow left Wednesday for a visit to friends in Portsmouth, and after staying there a few days will go to South Mills where they will teach this fall and winter.

On Friday last the people of Knap of Reeds section attended a picnic at Rock Bridge, given under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools of Knap of Reeds. Quite a large number were present and enjoyed the splendid dinner which was there in abundance.

Mr. G. F. Mayes, the bright son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayes, left Wednesday for Raleigh where he will enter the A. & M. College having graduated at Stem High School last term and was awarded the gold medal for the

Burial of Mr. Wilkinson.

The foul and premeditated murder of Mr. W. P. Wilkinson last Monday while on his way to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, of which he was a most valued member, spread to the remotest corners of the county before the sun sank behind the western horizon. The one absorbing topic of conversation was that eighteen little children was effected by the dark and bloody deed, and as the little Hobgood girl lay upon a cot at the Southern Railway station, wounded and bleeding, waiting for a train to convey her to hospital in Richmond, a good lady knelt by the side of the cot and asked the poor little child if she was suffering very much and the only response that came from the white lips was: "My papa tried to kill mother and the bullet hit me."

On Tuesday morning the funeral procession, composed of the grief-stricken family and members of the Board of County Commissioners, wended its way to North Granville and on to Grassy Creek Baptist Church, where the remains were laid to rest at 3 o'clock. More than 1000 people from North Granville had gathered in the grove about the church and little knots of men gathered here and there were discussing the untimely taking off of their neighbor and friend, and as the sad funeral train was seen advancing over the hill their hearts witnessed an unmistakable sadness, and as they stood about the grave, with uncovered heads, the frames of great men trembled as the tears coursed down their cheeks.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine conducted a short and impressive burial service, after which the Masonic order, of which Mr. Wilkinson was an honored member, took charge of the remains and laid it to rest with the beautiful and impressive ritualistic work of the Masonic fraternity.

Colored Teacher's Institute.

One of the most successful institutes ever held in Granville county was conducted by Prof. W. A. Pattillo, assisted by Rev. R. G. Cannady, a graduate of Lincoln University, and who succeeds Prof. Pattillo as principal of the Oxford Colored Graded School.

"My faith looks up to Thee" was sung, after which the 23d Psalm was recited in concert. The two conductors then began their work.

Prof. E. C. McIntosh, conductor of the white institute, came down and spoke encouragingly along lines of honest labor, neatness of the home, politeness, etc. His lecture will long be remembered. May he come again.

After the work assigned had been finished, Prof. Pattillo made it known to the teachers of Granville that he would soon take his departure to take charge of the Tarboro school. In grateful recognition of his labors among his people a short program was prepared and exsistively rendered. Then came the presentation address by the writer, who presented him with a silver tea set which was the joint contribution of all the teachers. "God be with you" was sung, and the program was ended with sadness and tears.

C. A. ATKINS.

The I. O. O. F. Singing Class.

A class of children from the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldsboro will give a concert at the Opera House Saturday night, September 7th, at 8 o'clock. Friends of the Home are earnestly invited to be present and help this worthy cause. The price of admission is, adults, 25c; children, 15c. This Home for orphan children was founded twenty years ago. Nearly five hundred children have been cared for in this home. Nearly two hundred are now being cared for. The program is interesting from start to finish.

FOR RENT—Six room cottage on Spring street JAS. W. HORNER.

best declamation in the contest held at the commencement. We wish him continued success in his new work.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Mashburn Stem, of Mt. Energy, which occurred Sunday night. He was taken with appendicitis last Friday night, but it was such a slight attack he did not realize the serious nature of the trouble. He continued to grow worse until Sunday when a physician was called in and found that he had a well developed case of appendicitis. On Sunday night at 10 o'clock he was placed in the automobile of Mr. Joh Cozart and started for the Raleigh hospital, but he continued to get worse and died before reaching Creedmoor. The burial took place in the Calvin Stem graveyard near Stem Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. L. Martin, of Creedmoor, amid a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Mr. Stem was in the 17th year of his age, and was the only son of Mr. T. H. Stem, until a few years ago was a resident of this section. About a year ago he made a profession of religion and united with Brassfield Baptist Church where he held his membership at the time of his death. He was a dutiful son, always mindful of the wishes of his parents. His father remarked at the burial that he had never given him a cross word. He leaves behind father and mother and several sisters to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

WELLINGTON.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Dr. A. P. Tyer spent the week at Buffalo Springs.

Mr. C. H. Piper, of Providence, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Walter Johnson, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Brown is spending the week at Chase City.

Mr. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Edwin Stark returned a few days ago from Asbury Park, N. J.

Mrs. John Gooch has returned from a visit to relatives at Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fleming, of Hester, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. C. A. Gregory, of South Hill, Va., was an Oxford visitor this week.

Mr. Zeb Overton, of Tar River section, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Miss Tucker, of Louisburg, is visiting Mrs. Ernest Bragg on Broad street.

Mr. Ed Parrott, of Wilton section, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. Victor Bryant, a leading lawyer of Durham, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. H. O. Furman has taken to the road after enjoying his summer vacation.

Mrs. Bernard, of Greensboro, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Devin, on High street.

Little Miss Lillian McFarland has returned to the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Morganton.

Mr. G. L. Allen, of Wilton section, was in town Wednesday and dropped in on the Public Ledger.

Miss Nellie Moorefield, of South Boston, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Puckett on Route 7.

Mr. R. I. Newton, of Tar River section, was on our streets Wednesday and called on the Public Ledger.

Miss Allene Watkins, of Northern Granville, spent last Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Bud Downey on Broad street.

Mrs. J. S. Hall and little daughter have returned from spending the summer at Beach Island, S. C., accompanied by Miss Wilson.

Misses Norma Burwell and Louie Mitchell, two of Oxford's splendid young ladies, will leave in a few days for Hillsboro to teach in the High School.

Mr. H. A. Walker, of St. Louis; J. S. Cobb, of Durham; J. E. Perkins, of Danville, and Sim Meadows, of Creedmoor, were at our opening tobacco sale Wednesday.

Bull Moose State Ticket.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State during the administration of Governor Russell, was nominated for Governor on Tuesday last by the Progressive party at their State Convention in Greensboro. A full Roosevelt and Johnson electoral ticket was named; a State platform embracing 18 separate and distinct reforms, including Torrens land title law, compulsory education, free school books, election of county superintendents of education by the people, etc. The convention discussed the question of local option, but they finally agreed that the 18th plank, known as the local option plank, should not be construed to mean opposition to the present State-wide prohibition law.

Late reports say that Dr. Thompson declines to make the run, and in his stead Zeb Vance Walsler will head the ticket in North Carolina.

Miss Fannie Webb Entertains

Miss Fannie Webb entertained a number of her friends Thursday evening at her beautiful home on Main street in honor of Miss Ruth Allen, of Wadesboro. Misses Mary Webb and Mary B. Williams greeted the guests at the front door, and Misses Edna White and Alleine Minor met them in the hall.

In the receiving line were: Misses Fannie Webb, Ruth Allen, Fannie Cooper, of Henderson, Louise Roberts, of Chase City, Miss Bernard, of Greensboro, Miss Wilson, of South Carolina, Miss Mary Cooper, of Oxford.

Punch was served by Misses May White and Josephine Brown. The amusement was "progressive conversation," and proved to be very interesting.

Dainty refreshments were served by Misses Sallie Webb, Estell White, Mary Shaw, Gladys Rawlins, Margaret Capeheart, Susie Webb and Helen Paris.

Miss Fannie Webb, the hostess, recently graduated from the art school of Meredith College and possesses rare grace and beauty.

FOR SALE—Three Oleanders, two Century Plants, one Palm and one Cape Jasmine. MRS. H. C. PINNIX. 1t-pd.]

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Special Term of Court Ordered by the Governor to Try Criminal Cases.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in Oxford on Monday morning the following members present: Messrs. R. W. Lassiter, Chairman, Ralph Currin, H. C. Floyd and B. I. Breedlove.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by J. B. Powell, Clerk, and approved.

The following motion by Commissioner Currin was carried: "That the proposed new wooden bridge, known as the Daniel bridge, be advertised for ten days, and all bids to be returned to the Register of Deeds."

The death of Mr. W. P. Wilkinson, a member of the Board of Commissioners, being reported the Board in respect to his memory adjourned to meet Wednesday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Board met according to adjournment with all the members seated around the table, and seats always occupied by their greatly beloved brother member, Propus Wilkinson, was draped in mourning.

Mr. Ralph Currin was requested to have the bridge near Knap of Reeds repaired.

General B. S. Royster and Messrs. Ralph Currin and James B. Powell were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of regret and respect on the death of Mr. W. P. Wilkinson a member of the Board.

Upon the request of Hon. A. W. Graham, representing the Wilkinson, family, that the Board of County Commissioners request the Governor to order a Special Term of Court for Granville county, N. C., for the purpose of trying criminal cases, and motion of Mr. B. I. Breedlove the said request was granted. Mr. Ralph Currin was excused from voting.

The following jurors were drawn for the Special Term of Court to be held in Oxford, Granville county, Sept. 23, 1912:

W. B. Preddy, O. M. King, W. H. Chappell, E. E. Parham, C. J. Roberts, L. F. Smith, R. H. Gilliam, L. A. Wilson, H. M. Bragg, J. T. Dean, J. E. Coley, C. H. Landis, L. W. Stark, E. A. Hunt, Z. E. Lyon, C. W. West, Durrell Mangum, J. L. Tingen, J. L. Williams, W. E. Cannady, D. L. Haskins, J. C. Peace, Ernest Walters, A. Willford, A. H. Hicks, J. M. Meadows, J. D. Fleming, M. L. Oakley, A. M. Jones, A. M. Cash, J. J. Algood, C. E. Earl, W. R. Gooch, J. E. Cole, W. E. Cottrell, W. F. Rogers.

Lookout For Circus Day.

Thursday, Sept. 19th, marks the coming of the John H. Sparks World's Famous Shows to Oxford, giving two complete performances. Circus day dawns with an indefinable stir that sets the small boys heart to beating faster, and awakens pleasant memories in the minds of the gray beards who have not forgotten childhood's happy days.

The people of this town and community will undoubtedly be treated to a tremendous surprise in the above show, as report has it that it is not only trippled in size this season, but that it still retains those features that made it such a welcome visitor in past years, viz: Its freedom from all semblance of gamblers and fakers, the high-class moral entertainment afforded and its honorable methods of doing business.

John H. Sparks and his managerial associates have not only ventured into a field of greater endeavor, but in so doing, it is said, have outdistanced tented arrivals in a manner that leaves nothing to the imagination with the additional telling advantage of being trippled in size. All new in the matter of equipment and presentation, and still retaining the wonderful trained wild animal exhibition, which has done much to cause this show to become famous, it is the most remarkable amusement enterprise of its kind in the world to-day.

The big noon day parade, while a feature of marvelous beauty and enormous expense, is but a slight reminder of the great pompulence and bewildering brilliancy to be witnessed under the mammoth tents during the exhibitions. In other words the show is not all on the streets.

GOOD HORSES FOR SALE.

I have two good all round draft horses for sale, work anywhere, are gentle and kind. Call or address, R. T. Moore, Bullock, N. C. [2t.pd.]

If YOU want Appler Oats to sow with your clover, see us. HORNER BROS. CO.

Notice--Special Term of Court State of North Carolina, Granville County.

To whom it may Concern:— Notice is hereby given that a Special Term of the Superior Court of Granville county for the trial of criminal cases has been called by his Excellency, William W. Kitchin, Governor of North Carolina, to be held in the Court House in Oxford on Monday the 23rd day of September, 1912, and to continue one week, unless all business before said court shall be sooner disposed of. Let all parties, jurors and witnesses in criminal cases take due notice. This Sept. 4th, 1912. R. W. LASSITER, Chm'n. Bd. Co. Com'r. J. B. POWELL, Clerk.